

Thomas Dowling Collection

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1833-1874
2 folders

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Biographical Note:

Thomas Dowling (1806-1876) was a politician, businessman, and newspaper publisher in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana. He served six terms as a Whig member of the Indiana House of Representatives from 1836 through 1849. From 1832 to 1845, he published a newspaper. Thomas was a trustee for the Wabash and Erie Canal in the 1850s. He served on the Terre Haute City Council from 1867-1871; was an officer of the Terre Haute Savings Bank from 1869-1876; and was Vigo County Commissioner in 1873.

On March 27, 1856, Thomas Dowling married Sarah J. Sibley. The 1870 federal census lists Thomas T. Dowling, age 60, born in Ireland, in Ward 4, Terre Haute, with Sarah (age 33) keeping house, John (age 13), Mary (age 9), Jennie (age 7), and Phenelon (age 3). Thomas died on December 6, 1876 and is buried in Terre Haute.

Source: Ancestry.com accessed 4/3/2014 and [A Guide to Manuscript Collections](#) by Eric Pumroy, page 259.

Scope and Content:

The collection of 50 items includes letters regarding the operation and finances of the Wabash and Erie Canal (1850-1854); correspondence with Daniel W. Voorhees regarding a disagreement over a railroad lawsuit (1873); reports on expenditures of New Albany and Terre Haute schools (1868); bids and bills for construction of a building in Terre Haute (1864); and other business papers. Among the correspondents were Charles Butler, John Dowling, and Daniel W. Voorhees. The documents are all hand-written in ink on various size papers.

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Collection Inventory
Folder Listing:

Folder	Dates
1 of 2	1833 to 1865
2 of 2	1868 to 1874

Collection Information:

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Collection Dates:	1833-1874
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